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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
 BANGALORE A. NAGARAJ et al.)
 Ser. No. 09/931,347)
 Filed: August 16, 2001)
 For: ARTICLE HAVING AN IMPROVED PLATINUM-)
 ALUMINUM-HAFNIUM PROTECTIVE COATING)

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Enter the following claims to replace the previously submitted claims of the same respective number:

- 4/23 C2*
1. (Amended) An article protected by a protective coating, comprising:
 a substrate having a substrate surface; and
 a protective coating comprising an outer layer deposited upon the substrate surface and having a protective-coating outer surface, and a diffusion zone formed by
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